

Four in Torrance Family Die in Crash

A Torrance mother and her three children on their way to Athens, Greece, were killed when a Trans World Airlines jetliner crashed on takeoff from an airport in Rome, Italy, Monday.

The crash claimed a total of 45 lives, including that of another Southland resident. There were 73 persons onboard the plane.

Dead are Mrs. Walter (Ellen) Schanke of 18823 Fonthill Ave., her daughter, Elaine, 17, and two sons, Philip, 10, and Paul, 8.

Mrs. Doris M. Graf, 47, a TWA employe from Manhattan Beach, also died in the flaming crash.

The jetliner crashed after one engine failed. After traveling some 800 yards, it hit a parked road grader and exploded in flames. Twenty-eight persons survived the crash.

Mrs. Schanke and her children were on a Thanksgiving trip to Athens. There, they were to be joined by an exchange student who would have lived with the family in Torrance while attending college here.

Walter A. Schanke, western regional director of communications for TWA, was in New York when he was notified of the crash and the death of his family. He left immediately for Rome to claim the bodies.

Elaine, the oldest of the three children, was a senior at North High School. Leonard Lifton, an assistant principal at the school, told the Press-Herald she was "a very good student." She had maintained a "B" average during her three years at the school and had been attending four classes a day since school opened in September. Elaine was on a work experience program at the school.

Paul, youngest of the two boys, was in the third grade at Edison School. Philip was a fifth grade student at Edison.

Both boys were "outstand-

ing students in both academic work and citizenship," principal Donald Credell told the Press-Herald. Credell said he had known the family since 1958, and added, "You couldn't ask to have a finer family at your school."

Paul would have celebrated his ninth birthday Dec. 3. Neighbors of the Schanke family were stunned with disbelief. Mrs. Clemente Camou, 18827 Fonthill Ave., shook her head when told of the news.

"Mrs. Schanke was a nice woman," she said. "The children were bright and well behaved. They were very good neighbors."

The Schankes came to Southern California in 1957 from Kansas City, Mo. They had no relatives living in the Southland.

Mrs. Graf was on a vacation trip which would have taken her to Egypt. An employe of Trans World Airlines since 1947, Mrs. Graf was known as the voice of TWA in major airline terminals throughout the United States.

Two other Southland residents, Mrs. Elizabeth Loretta Gartley, 47, of Santa Monica, and James O. Lewis, Pomona, were injured in the crash. Both were reported to be alive in a Rome hospital.

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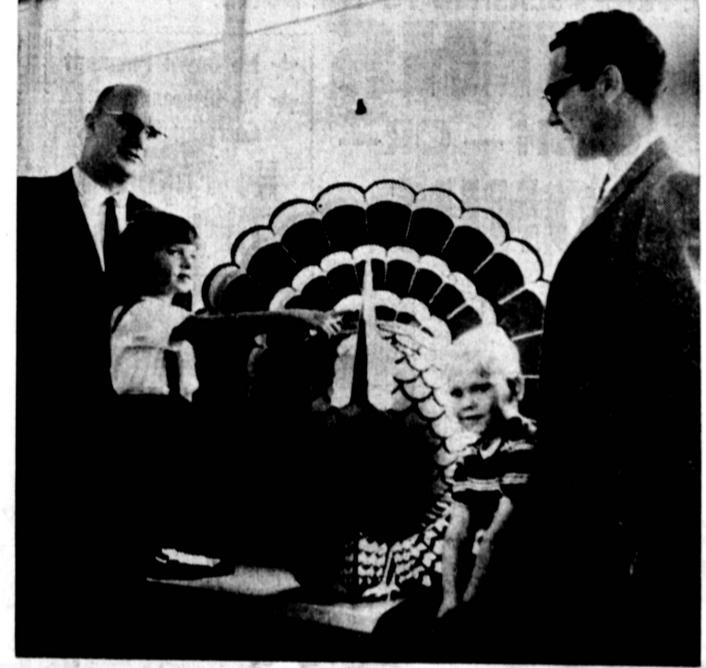
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THANKSGIVING SPIRIT . . . Dr. J. H. Hull (left), superintendent of schools, and Martin Beudet, principal of Casimir School, inspect decorations for Thanksgiving in a kindergarten class at the school. Explaining the decorations are Linda Roek and Jim Martin, students in the class. Casimir School observed Thanksgiving with a special assembly, to which parents were invited. Fourth grade students of Mrs. Clyde Trolinder told the story of Thanksgiving.

We're Still a Crowing City, New Survey Shows

Torrance continued its slow, but almost inevitable, climb toward ranking as Los Angeles County's number three city, according to population estimates released this week by the Regional Planning Commission.

Estimated population of Torrance on Oct. 1, was 126,864, a gain of 1,384 over estimates made July 1, 1964.

Glendale, presently the third largest city in the county, had an estimated population of 132,030—a gain of less than 700 since July 1. Torrance continues to grow at a rate twice that of Glendale.

an official estimate authorized last month by the City Council. The estimate, being made by the state, will enable the city to claim more gas tax funds from the state.

Torrance's population has increased more than 26 percent since the federal census in 1960. At that time, the population was 100,991.

Lomita, the newest city, has a present population of 19,334, according to the commission. That's an increase of 153 citizens since the city came into existence.

OTHER AREA cities were listed as follows: Gardena, 43,702; Hawthorne, 44,628; Hermosa Beach, 17,711; Lawndale, 25,661; Palos Verdes Estates, 12,009; Redondo Beach, 54,268; Rolling Hills, 1,931, and Rolling Hills Estates, 5,152.

Wilmington and Harbor City had a combined population of 58,833, while the Carson area has 44,323. The Dominguez area was listed at 13,963.

Total population of the greater southwestern section of Los Angeles County was pegged at 378,568. The area is bounded roughly by the Los Angeles airport and Century Boulevard on the north and by the Harbor Freeway on the east.



EASY PICKIN'S . . . Taking tomatoes from the vine is a no-stoop operation for John Senko of 26006 Oak St., Lomita. Retired after 30 years of service with New York City sanitation department, Senko says it took no special touch to raise the vine—just TLC (tender loving care). The vine would reach a height of 10 feet if extended upright. (Press-Herald Photo)

Death of Carlson Shocks Southland

Fund Drive Started for His Family

A shocked Southland contemplated the violent death of Torrance's Dr. Paul Carlson in Stanleyville while the missionary-doctor's father sighed, "God's will has been done."

The death of the 36-year-old Carlson came after a week of uncertainty about his fate and moments before he could be rescued by Belgian paratroops flown to the Congo.

Mrs. Carlson received the news of her husband's death from U.S. Ambassador Claude Rosse as she and the couple's children, Wayne, 9, and Lynette, 7, waited at Bangui in the Central African Republic. She and the children had been there since they were evacuated from the Congo in August.

DR. CARLSON a Torrance resident for several years before accepting the missionary assignment in Africa, was among about 30 white hostages slain by the Congolese rebels Tuesday as U.S. planes dropped Belgian paratroopers on Stanleyville. One other American killed was Miss Phyllis Rine, 25, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, who had been working in the Stanleyville school of a mission sponsor. Alumni of George Washing-



KENNEDY TRIBUTE . . . Celia Pons, donor of the John F. Kennedy memorial at Cabrillo and Sartori in downtown Torrance, is shown with floral tributes at the memorial on the anniversary of his death Sunday. Dr. Frank Sullivan of Loyola University, speaking at memorial rites, said "No one can call the bullet back, no tears can wash the ugliness away, no grief can give us surcease from the pain of loss." (Press-Herald Photo)

'We Are Biggest,' Says 'Y'

Torrance YMCA officials, who have claimed to have the second largest local YMCA in the world, upped that claim to the largest local YMCA in the world this week.

The action followed one of the busiest weeks ever logged at the local youth facility.

Program secretary Arthur Sears made the following list to support his claim:

- 46 Gra-Y and Junior Hi-Y clubs played football at South and West High Schools Saturday.
- 80 father-and-son Indian Y-Guide tribes held colorful ceremonies at Torrance Park Saturday afternoon.
- 16 Hi Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs met and voted to purchase a 48-passenger bus for their booming activities.
- 22 boys met at the "Y" to participate in a Hunter Safety Class under NRA instructor Fred Griffin.
- The Y Men's Club took their wives to dinner Saturday evening as a farewell gesture—they'll spend the next few weeks in the YMCA Christmas tree lots around town.
- Dads and sons from the Junior Hi-Y clubs heard Olympic medal winners speak at a huge Induction Banquet last Thursday.
- Planning was completed for a week-end YMCA swim (Continued on Page A-3)

Council Delays High Rise Hearings Another 60 Days

New hearings on the possible development of high-rise apartments on the old Riviera Club site were ordered postponed for 60 days by the City Council last night. The hearings had been scheduled before the Planning Commission next Wednesday evening.

The action followed a request by Stanley Dunn, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, for release of petitions which his group circulated asking for the purchase of the site for public uses, Dunn said he plans to submit the petitions to Supervisor Burton Chace early next week.

Describing the hearings as "premature," Dunn said his group hopes the county or state will purchase the site with funds from Proposition 1, passed Nov. 3 by state voters. The hearings were ordered by the council several weeks ago when the possibility of construction in Redondo Beach was being discussed.

In other action, the council:

- Authorized purchase of right-of-way property for the extension of Del Amo Boulevard from Wayne Avenue to the westerly city boundary and appropriated \$2,000 for the purchase.
- Denied a travel request for two members of the Civil Service Commission to attend the Western Regional Conference of Public Person-

Those Trains Must Go, Residents Say

A 20-year-old problem was raised again last night before the City Council by Mrs. Cecelia Young and residents in the area along Madrid Avenue.

Residents lodged complaints about the Santa Fe railway tracks which run along Madrid Avenue, citing the increasing use of the tracks as a source of irritation and danger.

Mrs. Young said the city had restricted the railway to one crossing per day in 1923, but lifted the restriction during the war. She also said the trains were supposed to have been rerouted after the end of the war.

Both junior and senior councilmembers commented on the complaints during the Junior Citizens Day meeting.

Alan Schwartz, a Torrance High student replacing George Vico for the evening, drew boos from the audience when he tried to defend the railway.

Asked about the city's recourse, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier told the council he would have to investigate the matter. With that, the junior council referred the question to City Manager Edward Ferraro and Remelmeier—and gave them 45 days to report back.

Alvin Sasuga, another Torrance High student (sitting in for David Lyman) had the last word: "I feel you should come up with a plan—and not one that will take another 20 years," he said.

Ken Miller echoed the same sentiment as the real council acted to reaffirm the junior council's action.

Food Transport Subject of Talk

"Agriculture and Air Transportation" will be the subject of Ken Kajiya, manager, Perishable Fruit Sales, TWA, when he speaks tonight, 7:30 p.m., at the Del Amo Elementary School Auditorium. The meeting is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau.

Reporter in Zambia ---

Press-Herald Columnist Arthur Hoppe, tongue-in-cheek and typewriter in hand, has flown to the world's newest nation, Zambia, to check into reports that the tiny African country is trying to beat both the Russians and the Americans to the moon. The first of his exclusive reports appears today on the Press-Herald editorial page. Also found there will be the comments of Royce Brier, John Morley, Abe Mellinkoff, and the review of current books by William Hogan.

Veterans Install ---

Paul Slonecker has been installed as commander of the Torrance Barracks of Veterans of World War I by Department Chaplain William Neville. Other officers installed at the American Legion Hall include Clair Miller, senior vice commander; George Dannebauer, junior vice commander; Dorothy Boyle, chaplain; Art Hicks, quartermaster; and Walter Bennett, adjutant.

Thanksgiving Services ---

Union Thanksgiving services have been scheduled at the Walteria Methodist Church for 10 a.m. Thursday. Participating will be the choirs of the Walteria Methodist Church and the Assembly of God, and representatives of Del Amo Christian Church, Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Methodist Church, First Nazarene Church, and the Seaside Community Church. The Rev. Frank E. Knouse is the host pastor.